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A Movement Towards Disarmament SOLUTION IRISH DIFFICULTY EXPECTED BY BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Wonderful New Gun to Hurl Shell of Five Tons Distance of 300 Miles Tremendous Velocity, Little Noise

NEW YORK, July 6.—Scientists are discussing the remarkable qualities of a new gun which Dr. Hutchison, chief engineer for Thomas Edison, declares may be developed to hurl a projectile of five tons' weight a distance of from two hundred to three hundred miles at a velocity of from one to five miles a second. A demonstration with a miniature weapon gives a detonation no greater than the click of a cash register. An eight inch barrel is used and the projectile may be stopped in sheet of steel with the percussion of a trolley car.

ONTARIO FIRE STILL RAGES

Two Men Lose Lives and Much
Timber and Lumber Burned.

CORRAL, July 6.—The big forest fire is still raging in northern Ontario. Two men are dead as far as is yet known and millions of dollars worth of timber and prepared lumber has been destroyed. Several towns were menaced, among them being Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Hearst and Englehart. The pulp wood camp at Millwood was destroyed. It is thought that the fire was started by lightning. It has now reached the railway and a hundred men are fighting it. It was at its worst yesterday.

AMUNDSEN IS IN SEATTLE

Will Take a Year to Prepare for
Further Attempts on the
North Pole.

SEATTLE, July 6.—Roald Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, who arrived from Alaska last night, will remain here a year preparing for another daring effort to drift to the north pole with the ice pack.

Amundsen is a Norwegian who after graduating from the University at Christiania went to sea in sealing and whaling ships to gain experience and in 1897 joined the Gerlach expedition. In 1906 he navigated the North West Passage and in 1911 he set out ahead of Capt. Scott to try to reach the South Pole. It was six years later when news reached this country that he had reached the pole.

Since that time Amundsen has been planning to reach the North pole by drifting across the place in the ice. He has already made several attempts.

SIR SAM HUGHES IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

LINDSAY, Ont., July 6.—General Sir Sam Hughes, who has been ill for some months, is reported slightly improved. He had to have another transfusion of blood yesterday. His condition is still critical.

STORMY SESSION.

LONDON, July 6.—There was a stormy session of the House of Commons here last night when the second reading of the Act repealing the Agricultural Act was passed.

PREMIERS POSTPONE DISCUSSION

Wait for Disarmament Conference Exchange of Views.

LONDON, July 6.—(Noon).—The conference of imperial premiers has decided to postpone consideration of naval questions pending an exchange of views between the United States and Great Britain and Japan relative to a disarmament conference. It is semi-officially stated here today. The London papers believe this indicates that England may take the initiative in an effort to bring about a discussion of armament limitation.

RAILWAYMEN MAY VOTE ON REDUCTIONS

Chairmen of Men's Unions Refuse to Take Responsibility of Accepting.

CHICAGO, July 6.—The general chairman of five leading railway employees unions today declined to shoulder the responsibility for accepting wage reductions which went into effect on July 1. They decided to refer the whole matter to the membership vote not later than September 1.

FIGHT BETWEEN DEMPSEY AND JOHNSON IS ASKED—RICKARD DRAWS COLOR LINE IN GAME

LOS ANGELES, July 6.—Capt. McGow, a wealthy club man and British airman has telegraphed Manager Kearns asking for a bout between Dempsey and Jack Johnson, half of the receipts to go to the fighters and half to the American War Veterans who authorize the offer.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Tex Rickard says he will have nothing to do with boxing matches between Johnson and any other man. He draws the color line. A Dempsey-Wills match would renew the old racial feelings and a Wills-Johnson match would be injurious to the game. Johnson's record precludes his appearing in a Rickard bout. It would give the reformers too much ammunition.

Bill Brennan is the only heavyweight rival of Dempsey, the promoter believes. Gibbons is too light but would make a great match for Carpentier.

Rickard discountenances guarantees. He says the promoters have been held up by the boxers long enough and the fighters must henceforth share part of the burden.

CONVENTION OF LIBERALS

Gathering Called for July 12 to Form Association for Skeena Riding.

MAY NOMINATE A CANDIDATE THEN

First Public Step Toward Contesting Riding at Forthcoming General Election.

On July 12 there is to be a convention of Liberals of the Skeena Electoral District for the purpose of forming a Skeena District Liberal Association. This association, after it is formed, will decide whether or not it will at once nominate a candidate to contest the riding at the general election, which must take place within the next year or thereabouts.

The chief reason advanced for choosing a candidate at the time of the formation of the district association is that the constituency is so big it is difficult to get the delegates together for a second gathering. Skeena electoral district includes the provincial constituencies of Prince Rupert, Atlin, and Omineca. It extends from the Yukon in the north to Seymour Inlet south of Bella Coola to the south, and from Queen Charlotte Islands to Endako.

Meeting Friday.

In order to prepare for this convention, the local liberals are to hold a meeting on Friday next in the Pattullo block when delegates to the convention will be chosen. Naturally this will be an important meeting as on the choice of delegates hinges somewhat the attitude of Prince Rupert toward the convention and the consequent action in regard to a candidate.

The calling of the convention



Georges Carpentier, Dempsey's challenger, made a wonderful impression in social circles when, dressed in white flannels, he appeared at the Villa Marina, where a fete was being given. He was promptly buttonholed by Miss Sigrid Holmquist, Sweden's Mary Pickford.

Discuss Naval Affairs But Not Settle Them Is Policy of Conference

LONDON, July 6.—The Canadian Press correspondent at the Conference of Premiers of Overseas Dominions says the naval question will not be settled by the premiers at the conference. All questions of defense will be formally introduced and explained preparatory to a resolution declaring in favor of leaving the matter to the Dominion parliaments rather than to the London conference. This is in line with the former declarations of some of the premiers against any infringement of Dominion rights by an imperial conference.

Cheaper communication between various parts of the Empire was the chief topic of discussion at the conference at the last session. Premier Meighen objected to the fact that there was too little news of the Dominions in the British newspapers.

was decided upon at the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association on March 29. Following this a meeting was held on April 27 when Hon. T. D. Pattullo, A. M. Manson, H. F. Kergin, W. E. Williams and F. G. Dawson were appointed a committee to call the convention.

Election in Few Months. The circular sent out by them explains the action taken and adds that following the census and an election is likely to be held within the next six or eight months. It urges the calling of meetings of local organizations and the appointing of delegates or the sending of proxies.

The basis of representation to the convention is one vote for each local association and one additional vote for each hundred voters in the district, registered prior to the last provincial election.

W. E. Williams is president of the local association here and F. G. Dawson, secretary.

General Meeting Prince Rupert Liberal Association

will be held in
Liberal Rooms, Pattullo Block, 2nd Ave.,
on
Friday, 8th July, at 8 p.m.
for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend
Liberal Convention.

Expect Solution of Irish Difficulties in the Conference

LONDON, July 6.—The Times this morning says the Sinn Fein may ask Lloyd George for a conference called by the King and presided over by one of the overseas premiers instead of the British Premier. An official truce rather than a cessation of hostilities is considered likely, with the Sinn Fein.

No reprisals by crown forces have been reported in the last few days. Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, is on his way to London.

General Smuts has returned from Ireland after conferring with De Valera and other leaders and reported to Lloyd George, Premier Craig and Earl Middleton. The officials won't talk on Irish affairs but there is much optimism and it is generally expected that a solution may be in sight.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA IS SPREADING

STOCKHOLM, July 6.—Six thousand cases of Asiatic Cholera have been reported in European Russia up to a week ago and the disease is spreading rapidly in the intense heat by refugees from the famine districts. The condition of the country makes it difficult to fight the scourge.

BRITISH FLEET ON THE WAY TO CONSTANTINOPLE

MALTA, July 6.—Virtually the entire British Mediterranean fleet is enroute to Constantinople where the situation is viewed with alarm. It is reported that the British military reinforcements are also going from England to the Black Sea.

PROPOSED CHANGE G. W. V. A. INTO A FRATERNAL BODY

OTTAWA, July 6.—A movement is under way to change the Great War Veterans' Association into a fraternal organization. It is proposed to offer a prize of \$500 for the best ritual. The scheme will be submitted to the fall convention of the Association.

MEN SHOT DEAD AND BODIES LEFT PILED IN A HEAP ON ROAD

BELFAST, July 6.—Five men in the Newry district were this morning taken from their homes and shot dead, their bodies being left on the roadside in a heap. Two of the dead were a brother and son of a former constable.

HALF MILLION LOSS IN FIRE AT GUELPH

Entire Plant of Robert Stewart Co. and Seven Other Buildings Destroyed.

GUELPH, July 6.—Fire this morning caused \$500,000 damage when the entire plant of the Robert Stewart Co. and seven other buildings were destroyed.

ONTARIO HEAT WAVE STILL ON

Much Damage Is Being Done to
Crops—Fruit Ripens so Fast
Cannot Be Picked.

TORONTO, July 6.—There is no relief in sight from the Ontario heat wave of the past few days. Thousands of people are sleeping in the parks and at the bathing places. Swimmers stay in the water throughout the night. Crops are seriously damaged and the fruit has ripened so fast that in many places it cannot be picked.

HIGH OFFICER IS SUSTAINED

Resolution Remove J. M. Thomas
Leadership English Railways Defeated.

NEWCASTLE, July 6.—A resolution to remove J. M. Thomas from the supreme leadership of the Railwaymen's Union was defeated at the conference being held here. The executive introduced the resolution following the defeat of which another motion confirming the appointment of Mr. Thomas was carried by a vote of 57 to 17.

LEADING VICTORIA BUSINESS MAN DEAD

VICTORIA, July 6.—Councillor John James Shaleross, of Oak Bay, a leading Victoria merchant died here today, aged 63. He was one of the city's most prominent business men and has held most of the leading positions in business circles such as the presidency of the Board of Trade, P. G. Shaleross, of Vancouver, is a brother.

REPORTED TROTSKY THROWN INTO PRISON

PARIS, July 6.—Unconfirmed reports say that Leon Trotsky has been imprisoned by Premier Lenin following the Third International Congress at Moscow.

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